



ROCKRIDGE

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CALENDAR UPDATE	
April 22-29	Mayor's Community Cleanup: westvancouver.ca/lovewestvan
April 25-29	Graduation Literacy Assessment 10 (GLA10) and make-up assessment
April 28	Do1Give Day
April 29	Rockridge PAC Spring Fling- 6:30pm at the WV Yacht Club
April 30	Summer Learning Job Posting International Programs application deadline
UPCOMING EVENTS	
May 4-6	Grade 8 Camp Summit - Squamish
Ongoing	Summer Learning Registration: Summer Learning Website
ROCKRIDGE WEBSITE CALENDAR	

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy Thursday Raven families, as we enter into May we get the chance to look in the rear-view mirror and celebrate some of our successes! We will be sharing our FESL celebration of learning on May 17 at 3:00pm at the school. It has been 3 years since we started looking deeply at respect, responsibility, self-regulation, and well-being at our school. We will be extending an invitation to the district and our families to share an overview of the learning and growth that has taken place.

This year we have truly accomplished so much and are still well into the learning, on May 24 we will be sharing our school highlights with our Board. If there are any moments or events that stand out to you that you would like to highlight, please let me know! Thanks again to our staff, parents and students for all the work behind the scenes. For those of you who have purchased tickets for the Rockridge Spring Fling, I hope you get the chance to enjoy some time together tomorrow. We look forward to seeing you at 6:30pm at the West Vancouver Yacht Club for nibbles, laughter and dancing!

Please continue to note... Trenching construction is still ongoing on Headland Drive so walking to school is a great alternative, to avoid the congestion and stress that the added school traffic brings. Carpooling or drop off locations other than the front of the school will also help. Thank you in advance!

SEMESTER 2 REPORTING

S2 Midterm Reports have now been published to the MYEDBC Parent Portal on Wednesday, April 27th. Need assistance logging in? - Click on the [School District's Family Portal Page](#)

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS - MAY 2-20

We have over 250 students enrolled to write AP exams in the upcoming weeks. The AP exam schedule is attached. All exams will be written in the Library Learning Commons. Students will be excused from their classes on exam days. Please check with your child and their teacher regarding review and exam preparation opportunities. A big thank you to our teachers for their professionalism and support of our students. Best of luck to all students writing exams or completing the Art Portfolio.

CAREERS 8 AND 9

Please see the table below for upcoming Careers 8 and 9 activities. For the In-Person sessions being held during X-Block, students will report to their Period 1 classroom for attendance and then head to their sessions. Grade 9 students will meet in the Library and 8s in Player's Hall. Students in Academies and Pursuit can complete the work on their own time and do not need to attend. Thanks for supporting this class.

Careers 8		Careers 9	
Thu., May 5th	Online Class	Thu., May 5th	Online Class
Thu., May 19th	In Person Session - Player's Hall	Thu., May 19th	In Person Session - Library
Tue., May 31st	Online Class	Tue., May 31st	Online Class

SCHOOL NEWS

Last Chance to Complete the Student Learning Survey 2021/2022

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. Your feedback is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

This month the Student Learning Survey has been administered to students in grades 10 and 12, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. Here is the link to the survey. **Please complete it by April 29th** -http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Scroll down to the Direct access section and select "45 West Vancouver" and "Rockridge".

GRADE 8-11 AWARDS 2021-22

If a student would like to nominate themselves or a peer for a Major school award, please review the [descriptions](#) of the awards and then complete the appropriate form(s) linked below: (**Due: May 13, 2022**)

- Principles Award of Merit - [nomination form](#)
- Caulfield Village Spirit Award - [nomination form](#)

- Morgan Backhouse award (gr 9 only) - [nomination form](#)
- Prestige Award - fine arts - [nomination form](#)
- Prestige Awards - athletics - [nomination form](#)
- Rock Solid Award - [nomination form](#)
- Service Award - [form](#)

GRAD 2022!

We are now in the planning stages of our year-end Graduation events! Next up:

- Commencement @ the Orpheum on Tuesday, May 31st, 6:00pm - 9:00pm
 - Please pay required student fees through school cash online.
 - Tickets for families and friends \$20 on sale next week)
- Banquet @ the Bayshore on Saturday, June 4th, 6pm - approx. 11pm
 - Tickets for grads, families and dates (\$145) on sale now through school cash online
 - Table assignment will take place via a google form starting May 9, 2022, to be completed by one designated person per table.
- Please note that required student fees and tickets for all parties sharing a table must be paid before table assignment can be completed)
- See the attached “First Announcement” for further details.

Note: For assistance with accessing your [school cash online account](#), email rockridge@wvschools.ca.

ROCKRIDGE Fine Arts & Applied Skills WISHLIST

The Art department is gratefully accepting the following items:

- Fashion Magazines (New or Dated)
- Needle felting wool
- Embroidery hoops
- Zippers
- Plastic Take Out Containers and small sauce containers with lids
- Small Jars - Baby Food size
- Chocolate boxes with inserts

West Vancouver Schools Integrated Science Program

Are you a Grade 11 student who is considering a career in medicine, scientific research, pharmacy, or environmental science? Apply to the West Vancouver Schools Integrated Science Program and distinguish yourself from your peers as you look ahead to your university applications. This two-year program will broaden your understanding of biology, chemistry, and biochemistry as you work through AP Chemistry and AP Biology curricula. As a student in this program, you will have the opportunity to work with local Canadian scientists and use advanced scientific equipment in state-of-the-art labs. We work in partnership with the Federal Government’s Pacific Science Enterprise Centre, located right here in our community. Our students also complete additional lab work, workshops, and field trips run by experts from UBC, SFU, and Science World! To learn more about this unique opportunity, follow this link: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/integrated-science>

Spaces are limited, so if you are keen to join us, please submit your application as soon as possible. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Ms. Battram (cbattram@wvschools.ca) or Mr. Huang (jhuang@wvschools.ca).

WVS Premier Soccer Academy OPEN HOUSE for Grades 8-12

Do you want to improve your soccer skills by being actively engaged and having fun? The WVS Premier Soccer Academy is hosting a **FREE Open House ON-FIELD session Tuesday, May 3 from 1:30 – 3:00 at Ambleside Turf Field D**. Come experience first-hand a session with our **NEW top coaches** who are currently working with the **UBC and SFU soccer programs as well as a renowned soccer specialist from Calgary, Alberta**. Come on out and experience the district's new format for the Soccer Academy!

Calling all parents of students who love soccer! The second part of the Soccer Academy Open House is an **Information Session for parents (and students)**. This session will be held **VIRTUALLY on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

To register for the **FREE on-field session and/or the Parent Information Session** please go to our website: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/soccer>

WVS Premier Field Hockey Academy OPEN HOUSE for Grades 8-12

Calling all students who are interested in the sport of Field Hockey. **The WVS Premier Field Hockey Academy is hosting a FREE ON-FIELD Session Thursday, May 12 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Rutledge Field in Ambleside.**

Come experience first-hand a session with the WVFHC Technical Director & Canadian U18 Men's National Team Head Coach, Mr. Geoff Matthews, along with his top coaches. We will also follow up with a short Parent Information session at the field.

To register for the **FREE on-field session** please go to our website: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/field-hockey>

WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

West Vancouver Police - Youth Academy - August 15-August 19th from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Are you a West Vancouver School District student in grades 10-12? Consider applying for our upcoming youth academy. Over the course of 5 days, participants will be exposed to different areas of policing including:

- Police physical training (running, hiking, and weights)
- Police Dog Services
- Traffic Services
- Community Services
- Forensic Identification
- and more!

The purpose of this program is to provide participants with a glimpse into the role of police in society, meet new people, and build leadership skills.

*The WVPD will be covering the cost of the camp.

Application deadline is April 30, 2022.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cst. Nicole Braithwaite nicolebraithwaite@wvpd.ca or 604-925-7345.

West Vancouver Police Department Speed Watch program

Speed Watch is conducted in partnership with police, citizen volunteers, and ICBC. Speed Watch road checks are operated by trained volunteers who monitor speeds, particularly school and playground zones, and work in conjunction with police to make our community safe. These volunteer opportunities are primarily weekdays between 8:00am and 3:00pm with flexible scheduling.

If you or your friends are interested, or would like to know more, please contact Cpl. Trevor Griffith at TrevorGriffith@wvpd.ca or 604 925-7300.

RECURRING ITEMS

SchoolCash Online - Student Fees

If you have not yet registered for SchoolCash Online, we can provide you with a PIN number to be used the first time you log in, when you will be prompted to register and create a login and password for future access. Please email rockridge@wvschools.ca with your student's name and grade to request this PIN if you are not yet set up with an account. We thank you for keeping your account current.

West Vancouver Schools Emergency Communications

Parents, if you did not receive a text message from School Messenger to opt in to our emergency communications, please text "Y" or "Yes" to 978338 to ensure you are on the list

Policies & Procedures and Family Information Verification Forms 2021-2022

This online form must be completed every year for each student. If you have not yet done this for the current year, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Account information does not change from one year to the next, and instructions are provided for password resets. Once logged in, you have the option to update the existing P+P form created last year or start a new one. Please complete the forms here: <https://eforms.sd45.bc.ca/Form/PandP>

Emergency Release Form

This form was sent home with your child at the beginning of the school year. Please return this form as soon as possible so that we can complete our Emergency Preparedness Plan.

Excused Absences & Early Dismissal

If a student is ill or will be late for school, parents are requested to inform the school by sending an email to rockridge@wvschools.ca . Please include the student's full legal name and grade, time of Absence and Reason for Absence. Students arriving 'late' for class should proceed directly to their class and check in with the teacher who will modify the attendance to indicate 'late' rather than 'absent'.